

# JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District

Jekyll Island, Georgia

## October 2025 Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

*Beverly Hopkins*

Hello everyone! By the time you read this, it will officially be autumn. Days are getting shorter, the nights are a bit cooler, and the Jekyll sunsets are incredible.

Goodyear continues to hum along with activity and a few of our winter members have returned. Weavers are upstairs madly finishing up items for their October show which I am sure will be a great one.

The Jekyll Island Authority has presented us with the first draft of the lease renewal for Goodyear Cottage and for the expansion space at the old fire station. Our Board is reviewing both and we should have a final version very soon. It is an exciting time to be a member of the Jekyll Island Arts Association. The JIA has been very generous in the terms under which we have occupied Goodyear for 51 years. We repay that generosity with our stewardship of the beautiful building and in our community engagement.

Did you know that JIAA will have an information tent at this year's Shrimp & Grits Festival? The dates are Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-9:30pm and Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-9:30pm. Volunteers are needed in shifts to help at the tent. You can find the available times on SignUpGenius.

Planning for Merry Artists Market is well underway, and we need your help to make it another spectacular holiday event. Deb Brewster and Jackie Becker are working hard to manage all the parts needed to bring Merry Artists to life. Volunteer if you can! Help is needed before, during and after. Keep an eye out for emails with more detail and for volunteer slots on SignUpGenius.

Thank you all for being part of this great organization!

Beverly



## EXPANSION FUND UPDATE

### Thank you, thank you!

We are very grateful to everyone who has donated to the capital campaign to update the interior of the JIAA portion of the old fire station. With the lease in hand, we are one step closer. It will be great to have additional space for our members, and the potters are looking forward to having dry floors. You helped us meet our first member match, raising \$10,000 in less than a month, which was doubled by the match to \$20,000. We have another \$5,000 match underway, and we are hoping to meet that match by October 15. In total with pledged match funds, we have just over \$170,000 toward the \$200,000 we estimate is needed. We are getting closer but really need your help to cross the finish line.

Please consider donating if you haven't and encourage your friends and family to donate. **Each donation helps.** The online donation option on our website is the easiest method, but we also accept cash and checks. Checks should be made out to the Jekyll Island Arts Association with a note that it is for the Expansion fund. Checks may be mailed to JIAA, P.O. Box 13201, Jekyll Island, GA 31527

## MESSAGE FROM THE POTTERY GUILD

Joanne Munzer

The fall season is coming and those who couldn't take the heat !!!! will be returning and we welcome them.

Joanne Munzar will be teaching a wheel/hand building class starting in late October. The classes are Tuesday and Thursday 1-3 .

The expansion fund continues to grow we are now at \$170,000. We have had donations made that ask for matching funds . The first 10,000 was matched and we are now working on \$5,000. Thank you to everyone that has donated their art to be sold in the foyer cupboard . We have raised \$782 for the months of August and so far in September. If you have something that you would to donate please leave in the pottery studio with my name on it.

Members are continually making raku pots for the festival .

We have a LEASE ....it is still being worked on but we're getting closer. This facility will be a great addition for all of the members at the Goodyear cottage .



## WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Diana Prentice*

After a long hot summer, JIAA's WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP will be convening again in October. As always, we meet on the first and third Thursdays from 1-3 pm in "The Loft" on the 3rd floor

Bring some paper and your choice of medium—paints of any type, pens, pencils, pastels, brushes etc—and even a friend, and join us. We welcome those of any skill, from just-beginning to local expert. It's a time of sharing techniques and ideas.

If the 3rd floor is too hot, we can meet in the 2nd floor's "Needlework Room" which is air-conditioned.

If any questions, please contact me at [dianaprentice@icloud.com](mailto:dianaprentice@icloud.com).

**Hoping to see you there.!**

Diana Prentice

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Lucy Loehle, Membership Chair*

**The JIAA membership is now at 436**

Renewing now means no problems when you want to put something in the Goodyear Shop or take one or more classes that the Jekyll Island Arts Association offers. Take a minute now and renew online—it's the easiest and quickest way to renew. Remember, your membership is vital to full participation in the JIAA. Problems? Email me at [davidlucyssi@comcast.net](mailto:davidlucyssi@comcast.net).



Visit us on Facebook at Jekyll Island Arts Association

## Call for JIAA Board Nominations

*Margaret Else, JIAA Secretary*

### Call for JIAA Board Nominations

It's that time of year again!

JIAA is seeking members who would like to become more involved in the planning and management of the Association's activities by serving as a Board Director for a three-year term. We are a working Board! Self-nominations are welcome, or you can nominate another member who you believe would make a good Board Member - with their consent of course.

At the end of 2025 five JIAA Board Directors will have completed their 3-year term of service. This is a call for nominations for the open positions of Director, starting Jan 1, 2025. The closing date for the JIAA Secretary to receive all nominations is Nov 10. All nominees will be asked to confirm their willingness to serve, and to provide a brief bio by that date.

The election will take place electronically in early December. You will receive an email before that date giving details of the nominees for Director, their brief bios, and how to vote. All members are encouraged to vote.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as a JIAA Board Director please respond by email to [jekyllartists@gmail.com](mailto:jekyllartists@gmail.com) or click the 'nominate here' link below and provide the name of the member you wish to nominate, their email address, and your own name and email.

### NOMINATE HERE

Thank you for participating in the JIAA Board Elections

Margaret Else  
*Secretary to the JIAA Board*

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Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES FROM THE SINGERS

*Kate Hamer*

The Singers are meeting on Monday afternoons at 3:00 in the Methodist Church.

We are working hard preparing music for the Holiday Program which will be held on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the evening at the Convention Center.

Please mark your calendars and note that it is a Thursday night not Tuesday as in the past. do you like to sing? Come join us on Mondays!

**Contact Kate Hamer at [kwhamerssi@gmail.com](mailto:kwhamerssi@gmail.com)**



## FALL 2025 and WINTER 2026 CLASSES

*Ame Ivanov*

Classes for the fall and winter 2025-2026 will be advertised via email to members, when they are scheduled.

At the time of writing, one class is on the fall calendar and is full. Several classes are already on the list for Winter. The date and time of opening those for registration has not yet been set. We are expecting some new classes, including beginning croquet, beginning and intermediate watercolor and, old favorites, such as writing and papercrafting.

## Needlework Group

*Ame Ivanov*

Needlework has resumed meeting after a summer break: Come to enjoy the company while you work on your projects. If you have never knit or did it long ago and have forgotten, come for help in getting started. We have plenty of donated yarn and knitting needles and crochet hooks to learn with or borrow.

Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:30 in the Needlework Room, NW corner of the second floor at Good-year cottage

## GREETINGS FROM THE GOODYEAR SHOP

*Jackie Becker*

Cooler temperatures have arrived and Fall themed items are coming into the Goodyear Shop. Shrimp and Grits is right around the corner and we are in need of volunteers who can help. We need set up help Friday October 24 in the morning to get the tent, table and signs put up and volunteers who can act as Ambassadors for the JIAA. We also need trained cashiers. No merchandise is being sold at the Festival but we will be taking donations for the relocation fund and selling memberships. Please have a look at the Sign Up Genius for available times.

We have recently approved a small change to shop policy. New members will need to set up a meeting with a Shop Team member to review the shop guidelines and procedures. We will be asking for updated Shop Guidelines sheets to be signed and those will be kept on file in the Goodyear Kitchen.

If you are selling in the shop please take time to look at your inventory on the website. Please note the date items were accepted. Items must be removed after 6 months (180 days) in the shop. It would be very helpful to the shop team if each artist kept track of their items. The shop team spends hours locating and removing these items and more time emailing each artist of the item and location for pick up. It is your responsibility to keep track. Thanks and Happy Fall!!

## JIAA FINANCIAL REPORT

*Jaye Parsons, JIAA Treasurer*

### To all JIAA Members

You may view the **YTD Financial Report** via a link on the "About Us" page on our website, [jekyllartists.com](http://jekyllartists.com).





**Welcome to Merry Artists 2025  
November 28, 2025 – December 30, 2025**

**The Baton is being passed this year from Jackie Becker to Debbie Brewster. Deb has some wonderful new ideas, and we look forward to another successful holiday event.**

**Any questions can be directed to [debrabrew58@yahoo.com](mailto:debrabrew58@yahoo.com)**

**Demonstration times are available and can be scheduled through Jackie Becker at [jackie.becker@jekyllartists.com](mailto:jackie.becker@jekyllartists.com).**

**Keep in mind the Bake Sale the weekend of December 5-7 to benefit the Campus Expansion Fund. Donations will be gratefully accepted.**

We discourage any reproduction of trademarked items, i.e. Jekyll Island Logo

You may request labels at any time up to Friday, November 21, 2025.

Maximum Price is \$500.00

See categories below for medium specific details.

Intake will be Saturday and Sunday November 22nd and 23rd from 9-3

#### **Wall Art**

**Limited to 5 pieces per artist**

**If a piece sells, artist may bring in a replacement**

Paintings must be Originals

Prints must be wrapped and will be placed in bins

#### **Pottery**

**Limited to 20 pieces per artist**

Pottery Intake: Potters bring labels ONLY to the kitchen on Friday the 21st from 9-12.

#### **Jewelry**

**Limited to 20 pieces per artist**

**If a piece sells artist may bring in a replacement**

Earrings must have backs and be displayed on cards or boxed.

Display pieces must be clearly labeled with artists name and picked up at end of Merry Artists

#### **All other items**

No limit on number of items which can be entered.

#### **Questions?**

[jekyllartsshop@gmail.com](mailto:jekyllartsshop@gmail.com)

Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents...

# Woven Wonders

A Distintive Exhibition of Work by the Cottage Weavers



**OPENING RECEPTION – Sunday, October 5, 1-3 pm**

## October 1-31, 2025

Goodyear Cottage Art Gallery & Gift Shop

Located in the Jekyll Island Historic District, Jekyll Island, GA

Monday-Friday – 12-4 pm

Saturday & Sunday – 10 am to 4 pm

**Local Artwork for Sale - Admission is free**



## The Cottage Weavers

When weaver Kate Rumbaugh moved to Jekyll in 1977, she put her loom upstairs in Goodyear Cottage and demonstrated weaving each year for the Jekyll Island Arts Festival. When long-time weaver Betty Smith arrived in 2000, she discovered Kate, moved her loom to Goodyear, and the two wove together. Soon they were both teaching others informally and the movement grew.

Formal classes through the Jekyll Island Arts Association began in 2004. The Arts Association purchased the first three looms, five members bought their own looms, and eight looms were contributed. There are now 32 Members of the Cottage Weavers Guild, and the group has 14 floor looms, 5 Rigid Heddle looms, 5 Inkle looms and one Friendly Loom. In addition 4 members have their personal looms at Goodyear. Two members, Kate Hamer and Tricia Bowman teach on a regular basis with the assistance of many members.

There are some very accomplished weavers in this group as well as new weavers. We all work together and help and inspire each other. We hope you enjoy this collection of our weaving.

The Jekyll Tartan



### JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Only individual memberships are offered. The annual membership fee is \$30. The membership year runs from April through March.

New memberships and renewals, including payment of dues via PayPal, may be accomplished online via our website at [www.jekyllartists.com](http://www.jekyllartists.com), or by completing the Membership Form below and mailing or dropping off at Goodyear Cottage with dues payment.

The contact information you provide will be accessible online to members only, unless you decline publication by checking the statement at the bottom of the membership form.

Enclose **\$30.00** for a membership in the Association. **(Sorry, but we are unable to accept checks drawn on a Canadian bank.)**

Mail to: Jekyll Island Arts Association **Make checks payable to: JIAA**  
Attn: Membership Please Note on Check: **Dues**  
PO Box 13201  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

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### JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member

Renewal  Member #, if known : \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs./Mr./Ms./ (Circle One)

Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADDRESS

Street Address, Apt No. or P. O. Box No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates regularly at this Address : \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an artist, in what medium(s) do you work:

\_\_\_\_ Check here to decline including your contact information in our online database accessible to members only